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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Jin-Cheng Wang
TATSUSHI KATAYAMA ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2672
Application No.: 09/624,385)
: Filed: July 27, 2000)
: For: IMAGE SYNTHESIS METHOD,)
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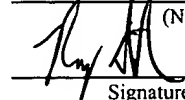
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